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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

1901-02

(Police)

File No. 41 of 01-02.

Serial Nos. 1 – 6

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Month January 02.

SUBJECT.

Prosecution of certain persons under the Infant Marriage Prevention Regulation of 1894 at Thandoti – Maddagiri Taluk.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
Correspondence Ending	K. Rangaraoon Ordered.

SECTION:- Police.

FILE No. 4/0401-02

SERIAL No. ———.

/ The explanation from the
by the DS Comr for the delay
noted in the first order of 7.11.01
does not seem to be satisfactory.
Certain causes are referred to as
having led to a continuous delay
of over 5 months, i.e. from the
end of October 1900 to 18th April
1901; but the pressure of urgent
& important work of one kind
cannot well be accepted as
justifying a significant delay in the prompt disposal
of equally important work. There
was a further delay of nearly
3 months, of which about from
23rd April to 25th July 1901 was
plainly unnecessary, as the DS Comr's
and the Chief Police Officer's
have not been accounted for.
Later on, there was again a
delay of 2 months, the result
of the DS Comr having wrongly
addressed first direct, instead
of through the Inspector General.

The last remark in the I. G's
letter, viz that "the officers that
were in charge of the districts at
the time are not now there," does
not seem to be wholly
right, as will be seen from the
following list of the officers who have

held office during the period in question.

Deputy Commrs :-
Mr. M. Narain Rao, upto 18-4-01
Mr. B.G. Krishnaiyar, from 22-4-01.

Police Supdts :-
Mr. Hamza Hussain. upto 26-12-00.
Mr. L. Krishna Rao, from 27-12-00.

Lastly, the D.J. Commrs report of the 25th Septr. 1901 was only submitted to Govt. by the Inspector General on the 22nd October 1901, five weeks a months later.

To Secy

18.12.01.

Submitted to the Dewan with a draft - If the remarks are considered too strong, only the 1st Sentence may be retained

26/12/1901

(Draft approved)

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DEWAN OF MYSORE

From The District Magistrate
Tumkur District

To The Secretary to Govt of
Mysore, Jud & Rev Depts
Bangalore

SECTION Police

FILE No. 41 of 1901-02

SER'AL No. 1

Dated 25th July 1901
Despatched Camp Davangere
Received 29th do
General No. 127 } 1901/2
No.

Enclosures Number. 1 Memo
1 Title

Soliciting Sanction for the
prosecution of certain
persons under the Infant
Marriage Prevention Act
of 1894

Secd
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H.C.
3.8.01 Subject to Secty
The records may be returned
to the Dy Comr for submission to
Govt through the Supdt Govt of Police
in accordance with Govt Rep
No 2501-10 d: 19th Augt 1895.
F. 280

20/8/01

Yes

21/8/01

No 127
Mys T. Mem.
1. V. file.

To.

Office of the District Magistrate
Tumkur District.
Dated 24th July Camp Gauragada.
29th D.

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
General and Revenue Department
Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith the whole Vernacular correspondence regarding the infant marriage performed at Thandoti in the Maddagiri Taluk on 26th March 1900 against the provisions of the Mysore Infant Marriage Regulation ~~(I) 1894~~, and to solicit Sanction of Government under Section of the said Regulation for prosecuting the marginally noted persons for causing and abetting the marriage.

1 Venkataramana
2 Subba
3 Subbamma the mother of the first
4 Ranjunda Bhatta
5 Narasappa
6 Shanbhogue Narasingappa
7 Hanumanthe Gowda - Patel

2. The accompanying memo gives the circumstances in which the marriage was celebrated and the abstract of evidence procurable against the persons concerned in the performance of the said marriage.

3. From the statements of the mother of the girl with reference to whom this offence was

has committed. Corroborated by the Births and deaths Registers of the Village. I think there is ample evidences to proceed against these persons

4 The marriage appears to have been brought about by the direct support given to it by the Patel and Shanbhogue of the Village These are taken as abettors in the Case and the proceedings will have a deterrent effect on such persons in these parts.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

[signature]

District Magistrate
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SECTION Police

FILE No. 4 of 1901-02
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SERIAL No.

To

The Dist. Magistrate,
Trichinopoly Dist.

Date 24-8-01

No. 3375/S.251. Cross Folio.

His letter No. 127 dated the 25th July 1901, ~~from the District~~ soliciting sanction to the prosecution of the parties concerned in the infant marriage which took place at Thandoti in the Madura-Tirumangalam Taluk on 26th March 1900.

In returning the records received with the above, has the honor to invite his attention to

: Govt No: A: 2501-10 dated
9280
th August ~~1901~~. 1895 and to
quest that the records
ertain be submitted through
e Inspector General of Police.

By order

23/8/95

Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

JUDICIAL

PROCEEDINGS

Dated 19*th August* 1895

No. 2501-10
J. 280

Directing that the preliminary proceedings under the Infant Marriage Regulation (No. X of 1894) be initiated and conducted by the Police.

MGC.P.B—27-10-1900—50

Order of the Government No. 35-63—J. 2, dated 1st July 1895, laying down certain instructions for reporting to the Government cases of infant marriage under Regulation X of 1894.

No. 2501-10—J. 280, DATED, BANGALORE, 19TH AUGUST 1895.

ORDER THEREON.—As under the above Regulation cases of infant marriage have to be tried by the District Magistrates, the Government consider it desirable that the preliminary proceedings under the said Regulation should be initiated and conducted by the Police under the direction of the Inspector General of Police, who will report each case for the orders of Government whenever sanction for prosecution is applied for under Section 8. Informations received by the District Officers should be made over to the Police Officers for enquiry and needful action, so that District Magistrates may be free to conduct the trials in their own Courts.

V. N. NARASIMMIYENGAR,
General Secretary.

To—The District Magistrates.
The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.
The Registrar of the Chief Court of Mysore.

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LE No. 4 1901-02

From

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPTS.

Dated 22nd October 1901

Despatched

Received

General No. 93

No.

Enclosure No.

Forwarding certain records in connection with an Infant marriage Case at the Madgere Tk. for ori'ero

MGCPE—5-3-01-1000

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

No. 93 DATED Bngpore 22nd October 1901

Encl: Proceedings & Memo of Dy. Comr.

FROM B. K. Venkatavarada Iyengar Esqr.
Offg. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

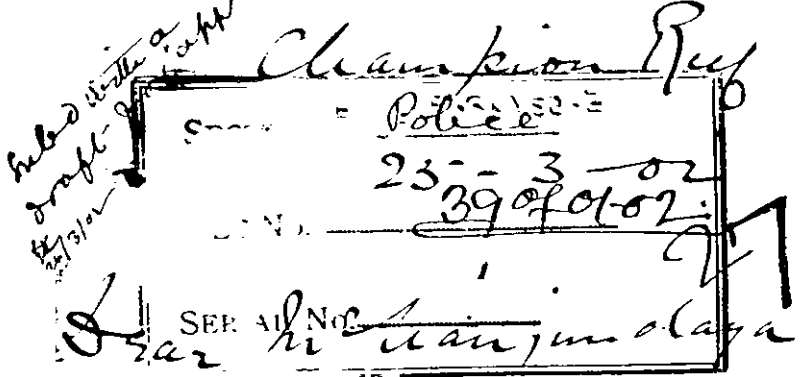
To H. V. Nanjundayya Esqr: B.A. Mrd.
SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMT

SIR,

I beg to submit herewith, a copy of the Tumkur Deputy Commissioner's memo, (received with his docket no J.349 of the 25th September 1901), in re the marriage of a girl under 8 years of age, in the village of Soudoté, in the Madgiri Taluk on the 26th March 1900, and to request the sanction of Government, to the prosecution of the persons therein mentioned, under the Infant Marriage Prevention regulation.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Offg. Inspector General of Police.



Regarding the
£ 20,000 which
the Swan spoke
to you about - it
refers to the sanc-
tioned grants
for the Police Lines
Buildings in the

Land Fund. Gross
total amount granted
in August 1900
(Vide Revision Estimates
of Police for the K.E.D.)
The Govt have handed
over to me all but
£1500 for the Con-
struction of Police
buildings. In

Vide Proceedings
of 25th Jan: 1902 a
further sum of £1000
was sanctioned
for the additional
lines required (plus
£1000 for sanitary
work &c) in all 2000 -
Asked to
know by Friday

Colonel Lawrence has remaining £5000 of the old grant — — £15000 of the new grant, in all £20000 — to finish the scheme with all the buildings now under construction.

I should be glad when the money arrives as the

Contractors are
troubling me. I will
delay the work if
not paid up.

Yours truly

F. C. Cave

Memo

On 26th March 1900, one Ramakka an infant girl of one Subbamma was married to one Venkata Narasiah, a boy of 13 years of age, in the village of Jondoti, Maddagiri Taluk.

With regard to the age of the girl concerned, the Births Deaths Registers do not name the different children of Subbamma. It appears that Subbamma had 4 children in all, one son and 3 daughters. The son was her eldest child and is now living. Of the 3 daughters, the eldest one died as will be seen from the statement of Subbamma, the mother of the girl. The last 2 girls are living now. The present girl Ramakka with respect to whom the offence seems to have been committed, is the 3rd child, while the last girl is only an infant of 4 or 5 years of age. By a reference to the Births and Deaths Registers, copies of which are herewith attached, the two daughters of Nagappa and Subbamma appear to have been born in September 1890 and in December 1892. The 3rd daughter is only an infant as stated above and is out of account, while the son who is the eldest must have been born before 1890. It is clear from this that the 3rd child i.e. Ramakka, the girl in question, was born

in December 1892. Consequently on 26th March 19

She was only 7 years and 3 months old.

The marginally noted persons have abetted the commission of the offence against the provisions of the Infant Marriage Regulation No X of 1894.

1. Venkataramana, brother of the bridegroo
2. Subba
3. Subbamma, mother of the girl married
4 Nanjunda bhatta, Purohit.
5. Shambhoque, Narasingappa.
6. Narasappa son of Nanjunda.
7. Hanumanntha Gowda. Patel.

The following are the witnesses in this case against the above mentioned persons: —

1. Nanjamma, who submitted the petition dated 21st April 1900, to the Deputy Commissioner to the effect that one Ramakka, an infant daughter under 8 years of age, of Subbamma, was married to one Venkatanarasiah, a boy 13 years old, on 26th March 1900, in the village of Londoti, Maddagiri Taluk and that the above mentioned persons abetted the marriage against the provisions of the Infant Marriage Regulation No: X of 1894.

2. Narasimha Gowda states that the marriage was celebrated and that he informed the 1st accused that the girl being underage, the act would be an offence.

3. Ranganathan states that the marriage was celebrated on 26th March 1901 in the Temple at Tondoti; that Nanjunda bhatta was the purohit and that the Shanbhogue Narasingappa abetted the offence.

4. Barber Kalloda states that he played music at the time of the marriage, that the 1st accused received manthrams and that the 1st, 2nd, 3rd accused were then present.

5. Puttaranganappa, Shanbhogue of Doddabhalapatta states that he advised the 1st & 4th accused not to celebrate the marriage as the girl was too young and that in spite of it the girl was married.

6. Narasegowda, Patel of Doddabhalapatte corroborates the above witnesses.

7. Venkataramaraiah, son of Sanjeeviah states that he was married to Subbamma's daughter Rami, by his elder brother (ie the 1st accused) and that his brother-in-law Subba and his wife took their seats along with the bride groom in the performance of the marriage.

8. Siri Gowda of Doddadhanatta states that as mentioned in the copy of the Births and Deaths

Register

Register, the girl was born on the date
therein, that his father-in-law was the
then and that he was doing duties for

/Sd/ B. Cy. Krishna
Deputy Co

Copy

Assistant

Offg: Inspector General of Police.

22.10.1901

SUBJECT - Police -

FILE NO. 141 of 1901-02

SER'AL N. 1"

Draft for the approval of the Dewan -

4/11/1901

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827 pm.
2.11.01.

Read,

Letter no 93 dated the 22nd October 1901 from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore requesting sanction to the prosecution of the parties concerned in an infant marriage which took place on the 26th march 1900 at Yendoli a village in the Maddgiri Taluk.

Order thereon - No. 7302/1603 7-11-01

It is ~~Good~~ observed that the girl was only a few months under the prescribed age on the date of the marriage which took place more than a

x years and a half ago. Govt ~~and that~~ accordingly ~~they~~ do not deem it expedient to sanction a prosecution in this case. +

The memo does not even describe the case & other connected particulars - The report has been greatly delayed & there is no explanation of that long delay although it is learnt that the matter was complained of in April 1900 - The Govt is requested to explain why action was taken so tardily & after such delay (?)x

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Rd 29/10/01

To,
The I. G. of Police
in Mysore

sent 29/10/01

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FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

SECTION— Police

FILE No. 41 of 1901-02

SERIAL No. 1

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPTS.

Dated 13th } Dec: 1901.
Despatched 16. }
Received

General No. 2838
No. 213

Enclosure No.

Furnishing explanation for the delay in reporting case of Infant Marriage in the Tumkur Dist.

Submitted
17/12/01

May this be recorded?

Submitted.

17/12/01

MGCPB—5-3-01-1000

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

No. 2838/213 Bangalore Dated 13-12-1901

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Enc.

FROM

B. K. Venkatavaradaiengar Esquire,

Offg. ~~THE~~ INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

To A. V. Narjundayya Esq: M.A.L.

~~THE~~ SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

SIR,

With reference to
Government order No: 7302/J.603 of the
7th November 1901, calling for
explanation for the delay therein
pointed out in reporting a case
of infant marriage in the Tumkur
District, I beg to submit herewith
a copy of the Tumkur Deputy
Commissioner's docket No: J.630 of
the 7th December 1901 and ~~enclosures~~
enclosure

enclosure affording the explanation
wanted. It will be seen therefrom
that the explanation given is not
satisfactory; but the officers
that were in charge of that
District at the time are not now
here.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
[illegible]
Offg: Inspector General of Police

1901 – 1902.

From

B. G. Krishnaiyar Esquire,
Deputy Commissioner,
Tumkur District

To

B. K. Venkatavaradaiyangar Avl;
Offg: Inspector General of Police
in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated 7th.
Despatched 7th. } December 1901.

General No:
J No: 630. Enc: No. 1.

His docket No: 2712/198 dated 30th ultimo calling for a full explanation regarding the delay in completing a case of infant marriage.

In reply has the honor to state that from the circumstances represented in the Memo of the Head Quarter Inspector, enclosed herein, it may be seen that various circumstances intervened against the early disposal of the matter. This might have been avoided if the information asked for from the Taluq had been furnished in full without unnecessary delay.

/Signed/ B. G. Krishnaiyar
Deputy Commissioner.
Tumkur District.

Memo.

A petition dated 4th april 1900 addressed by one Nanjamma of Thondoti village, Maddagiri Taluq, to the Deputy Commissioner, was referred for enquiry to the Police Department on 15th april 1900, which was sent to the Taluq for enquiry and needful action under order No: 273 dated 22nd April 1900.

The amildar of Maddagiri after enquiry reported the facts of the case in his report No: 22 dated 18th july 1900 which was received in the District Police Office on the 20th idem. Before submitting the memo of the case in question, for the sanction of the Government through the Inspector General of Police the undermentioned intermediate orders had to be issued to collect from all possible sources, sufficient evidence about the age of the infant girl, alleged to have been married

married and to secure further evidence in this case by examining some more witnesses

Order No: 34 dated 26th July 1900 with Maddagiri Amildar's reply No: 81 dated 24th August 1900 received in the District office on 26th August 1900.

Order No: 751 dated 6th September 1900, with Maddagiri Amildar's reply dated 23rd September 1900 received in the District Office on 26th September 1900.

At this stage the whole record was handed over to the undersigned on the 22nd of October 1900.

The undersigned was deputed on Special duty in Connection with His Highness the Maharajahs' tour in parts of this District during the end of October and early part of November 1900.

Mr.

Mr. Mir Hamza Hussain, the then Superintendent of Police escorted His Highness as far as Melkote in French Rocks Sub-Division and returned to Seringapatam on 13th November 1900. At this time an important murder case from the village of Rampur in the Kortagere Sub-Taluq and a suspicious case of death said to have occurred within the limits of the Maddageri Taluq were reported and Mr. Mir Hamza Hussain, visited those Taluqs in connection with those cases. During the temporary absence of the Superintendent of Police, on such and other important duties the undersigned was ordered to attend to the disposal of the current papers of the office, in addition to the prosecution work: Hence during the month of November 1900, the

undersigned

undersigned was fully engaged otherwise and in the month of December 1900. he was sent to Bangalore on Special duty in Connection with His Excellency the Viceroys' visit, which took him away up to 12th December 1900. From 12th to 21st December 1900, he was busy with Mr. Mir. Humza Hussein, whose transfer had been then ordered, in disposing of important papers Connected with the re-organization of the Okkad Establishments which had to be submitted by Mr. Mir. Humza Hussain himself as per Inspector Generals' Circular Order No: 990/56 dated 21st September 1900.

At this time the undersigned had to go on privilege leave for 20 days from 22nd December 1900 on [illegible] Inspector

D. Sreenivasiengar of Gubbi was ordered to act for him. Inspector Sreenivasaya submitted a Memo in this case for the order of the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mr. L. Krishna Rao, who ordered on 7th January 1901, at Davagada camp, the submission of the draft Memo of facts to the Government. At this time a series of Dacoities occurred on the borders as well as in the interior of this District and the undersigned was told off for special duty in Connection with these Dacoities and the work turned out by him has been sufficiently brought to notice in the detailed Memo submitted by the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mr. L. Krishna Rao, which was sent to

to the Inspector General of Police by the Deputy Commissioner with his camp: No: 1 dated 21st November 1901. Hence it will be seen that the undersigned was on special duty in connection with the cases of Dacoities up to the end of March 1901, by which time the detection of the Dacoities was complete.

To avoid further delay, on the evidence available from the records of the case under reference, a draft memo: was submitted on 1st April 1901 to Mr: M. Narain Rao, the then Deputy Commissioner with the remarks of the Assistant Superintendent of Police thereon. From the records it is to be seen that Mr: M. Narain Rao, Deputy Commissioner ordered that the birth of the girl now said to have been

married

married should be ascertained more definitely. Accordingly a similar order was sent to the Taluq on 4th April 1901 to which a reply was received on 23rd April 1901 which was not satisfactory; and so another order No. 2970 dated 8th June 1901 had to be given to the Taluq requiring the Taluq authorities to send copies of births and deaths or Register of all the four children, i.e., one brother and three sisters including the infant girl in question with a view to know the exact date of birth of the girl. A draft memo was submitted to the Deputy Commissioner for approval with the remarks of the Assistant Superintendent of Police dated 12th June 1901, Camp Arsikere, Davangere Taluq. The records were referred to the Judicial Department on 18th June 1901 with an order that

that Government Sanction might be applied for. Accordingly a requisition was made direct to Government in Judicial Department vide No: 127 dated 25th July 1901 and an order from Government to the effect that the memo should be sent through the Inspector General of Police was received. In obedience to this Government order, the Sanction for prosecuting the parties concerned with the alleged infant marriage was applied for to Government through the Inspector General of Police in this office No: 349 dated 28th September 1901.

* No: 3375 dated 24/25 August 1901 / J.251

/Signed/ S. Reuben
Head Quarter Inspector
Tumkur District

Tumkur
7th December 1901

Copy

13.12.1901. Offg: Inspector General of Police.

SECTION- Police

FILE No. 41 of 01-02

SERIAL 6

Read letter No. ~~7718~~ 2838/213 d. 13 Dec 1901 from the ~~Gd~~ I G. of Police submitting the explanation received from the Dy Comr of ~~Tuma~~ Tumkur District for the delay in investigating the case of an alleged offence under the Infant Marriage Regulation noticed in G. O. No. 7302/J.603 d. 7.11.1901.

Order thereon: No. 11688/J939 dt 11/1/02

~~The~~ Govt agree with the Inspector General in considering that the explanation submitted is quite unsatisfactory. ~~Unless~~